

How does Federal Court work? Most lawyers work in the state Courts which are often closer to home. The Federal Courts seem to be a bit removed, with their defined statutes and procedural rules. This course is designed to give the general practitioner an understanding of the differences between State and Federal Courts and make Federal Court more accessible.

This course will familiarize practitioners with Federal Court and its practice—both local and national. It has been developed by members of the Court, legal scholars, and leading practitioners with an eye to opening the Federal Court to the broader legal community.

The course is co-sponsored by Minnesota's Federal Bar Association and its United States District Court. Together we hope to ease your way into Federal Court allowing you to broaden your access to the Nation's courts.

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Judge Donald Lay, Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals
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Judge Ann Montgomery, District of Minnesota
Judge Donovan Frank, District of Minnesota
Magistrate Judge Noel, District of Minnesota
Magistrate Judge Boylan, District of Minnesota
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Committee present...

The Federal Practice Seminar



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Introduction

The Federal Practice Committee of the United States District Court has developed a federal practice course designed to demystify federal litigation. The course is aimed at new lawyers as well as experienced practitioners who may have only an occasional opportunity to appear in federal court.

The course is structured more like a law school class than a conventional CLE. The course content blends the substance of a law school class with practical information useful to the practitioner. The course will meet over a period of six weeks, for 2 hours per week. The class will be taught by a combination of federal



Interaction will be the key to this successful initiative.

judges, law professors, and experienced federal practitioners. There will be required readings and class participation.

Class times will be from 11:00 a.m. —1:00 p.m. Sessions will be held in the Minneapolis U.S. District Courthouse. Participants may bring a bag lunch or purchase lunch from the Federal Café. The first hour of class will consist of classroom discussion. The second hour will include “hands on” advice from federal judges in a small group setting and lively discussion among faculty and participants.

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Course Schedule

Federalism

April 9, Wednesday

The Intersection of Law and History
State and Federal Sovereignty

Honorable Donald Lay, Eight Circuit Court of Appeals
Professor Adam Samaha, University of Minnesota
Kevin Ross, Greene Espel
Ned Wahl, Faegre and Benson

Jurisdiction

April 16, Wednesday

Federal Question Jurisdiction
Diversity Jurisdiction
Supplemental Jurisdiction
Removal Jurisdiction

Honorable Donovan Frank, District of Minnesota
Professor Doug MacFarland, Hamline University
Jeff Keyes, Briggs and Morgan

How Federal Courts Differ

April 23, Wednesday

The Role of District Judges and Magistrate Judges
Distinctive Sources of Federal Law

Magistrate Judge Noel, Magistrate Judge Boylan, and Magistrate Judge Nelson, District of Minnesota
Cliff Greene, Greene Espel
Mark Hallberg, MacKenzie and Hallberg
Marc Al, Lindquist and Vennum

Pleading Your Case

April 30, Wednesday

Pleadings, Motions and Venue

Honorable Ann Montgomery, District of Minnesota
Professor Chip Murphy, William Mitchell
Bill Greene, Leonard, Street and Deinard
David Hashmall, Felhaber and Larson

What Laws Applies

May 7, Wednesday

The Erie Doctrine
Choice of Law Issues
Federal Common Law

Honorable John Tunheim, District of Minnesota
Professor Tom Berg, University of St. Thomas
Barbara Berens. Kelly and Berens

Peculiar Federalilites

May 14, Wednesday

A Potpourri of Matters Peculiar to Federal Court

Honorable James Rosenbaum, Chief Judge District of Minnesota
Professor Eric Tostrud, William Mitchell
Jan Symchych, Dorsey and Whitney
Joan Humes, United States Attorney's Office

Registration Information

Class size will be limited to just 20 participants to allow for ample personal attention. Participants should send the registration fee of \$600.00 along with the registration form to the U.S. District Court.. Forms may be found on the U.S. District Court website at www.mnd.uscourts.gov.

Continuing Legal Education

12 hours of hours have been applied for with the Minnesota Legal Education and Wisconsin Legal Education Boards.

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